

In re: Nicolette
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42. (currently amended) A method for inducing an immune response in a subject, comprising delivering to the subject a composition ~~comprising an effective amount of two or more immunogenic ligands, wherein each of said immunogenic ligands is characterized by an ability to elicit an immune response against the same native ligand, and wherein said immunogenic ligand is selected from the group consisting of SFDQVPFSV (SEQ ID NO:3), FSDQVPFSV (SEQ ID NO:5), GVDQVPFSV (SEQ ID NO:7), MTDQVPFSV (SEQ ID NO:9), AIDQVPFSV (SEQ ID NO:11), LIDQVPFSV (SEQ ID NO:13), MVDQVPFSV (SEQ ID NO:15), HVDQVPFSV (SEQ ID NO:17), and ITDQVPFSV (SEQ ID NO:17) of claim 34 or 43.~~

43. (New). The composition of claim 34, further comprising the ligand GVDQVPFSV (SEQ ID NO:7), MTDQVPFSV (SEQ ID NO:9), AIDQVPFSV (SEQ ID NO:11), LIDQVPFSV (SEQ ID NO:13), MVDQVPFSV (SEQ ID NO:15) or ITDQVPFSV (SEQ ID NO:17).

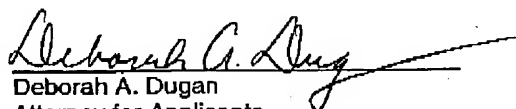
REMARKS

Claims 34-42 are pending in the subject application and are subject to a restriction requirement mailed May 27, 2004, a response to which is filed concurrently herewith. By this preliminary amendment, Applicant respectfully requests amendment of claims 34, 35 and 42 and entry of new claim 43. Support for the amendments to the claims and the addition of new claim 43 is found in the application papers, for example, on page 4, line 25 to page 5, line 9; page 10, lines 1 to 3; page 21 to page 23; and page 24, lines 5 to 13. An issue of new matter is neither raised by the amendments nor the addition of new claims and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

No additional fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if the Patent Office determines that a fee and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 07-1074.

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